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1. RCC PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN QADHAAFI, ACCOMPANIED BY RCC MEMBERS MAGARYIF (MIN OF HOUSING) AND AWAD HAMZA (NO PORTFOLIO), PLUS ENTOURAGE OF 17 INCLUDING THREE EGYPTIAN ADVISORS, ARRIVED ON SHORT NOTICE AT ESSO AIR STRIP AT MARSA BREGA APRIL 12. APPARENT PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO SURVEY NEARBY AREA IN DESERT SOUTHWEST OF MARSA BREGA FOR UNKNOWN PURPOSE. HOWEVER, ESSO LIBYA PRESIDENT WYNNE WAS ON HAND TO RECEIVE PARTY, AND QADHAAFI ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO TOUR ESSO'S EXPORT TERMINAL AND PROCESSING FACILITIES. WHEREUPON, QADHAAFI AND PARTY RECEIVED NINETEEN-HOUR CONCENTRATED EXPOSURE TO ESSO'S OPERATIONS.

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2. [redacted] VISIT [redacted] HIGH POINTS [redacted] (A) FOUR-HOUR TOUR OF HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL AREA, (B) HOUR AND HALF SPEECH AND DISCUSSION BY QADHAAFI WITH ESSO'S LIBYAN EMPLOYEES, (C) TWO-HOUR DINNER HOSTED BY WYNNE, AND (D) BREAKFAST [redacted] APRIL 13. B4

3. [redacted] PARTY OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED BY QUALITY, SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF ESSO FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH B4

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VISITORS CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM PRAISING COMPANY. IMPACT ON GADHAAFI WAS CLEAR WHEN, AT MEETING WITH EMPLOYEES, HE BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY NOTING THERE WAS ROLE IN LIBYA FOR FOREIGN TECHNICIANS SO LONG AS LIBYANS WERE NOT COMPETENT TO PERFORM SKILLED JOBS. HE SAID WHAT HE HAD SEEN AT MARSA BREGA SHOULD GIVE LIBYAN EMPLOYEES INCENTIVE TO WORK AND TRAIN TO QUALIFY FOR GREATER RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT LIBYAN NATIONALITY ALONE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT QUALIFICATION TO DISPLACE FOREIGNERS.

4. [redacted] GADHAAFI NOTED COMPANY HAD SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO MEET LIBYA'S DEMAND AND DETAILED TO HIS AUDIENCE WYNNE'S PRESENTATION TO MINPET MADE PREVIOUS DAY. GADHAAFI DEALT FIRMLY WITH COMPLAINTS FROM FLOOR ABOUT FOOD, HOUSING AND TRAINING, DRAWING ON HIS INSPECTION TOUR TO REFUTE THOSE HE CONSIDERED UNJUSTIFIED, THOSE HE THOUGHT HAD MERIT, I.E. SPECIFIC TRAINING PROBLEMS AND DEFICIENT LARGE WELFARE SERVICES, HE REFERRED TO ASSISTANTS FOR FOLLOW-UP.

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5. [redacted]

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6. [redacted]

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7. QADHAAFI AND PARTY LEFT ON TRIP TO AREA SOUTHWEST OF MARSA BREGA LATE MORNING APRIL 13, RETURNED TO BREGA FOR LUNCH AND DEPARTED THAT AFTERNOON.

8. COMMENT [redacted] B4

[redacted] TAKE SATISFACTION FROM ESSOR'S USE OF THIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE RCC TO REALITIES OF THE LIBYAN OIL INDUSTRY.

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